

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Roger Webb, on February 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch  
Tia Stockton, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 300, 2/8/2017

Executive Action: SB 189 - Do pass  
HB 300 - Be concurred in  
HB 200 - Be tabled  
SB 188 - Be tabled  
SB 34 - Be tabled

00:00:02 Chair Webb

**HEARING ON HB 300**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:38 Rep. Adam Hertz (R), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 300, Exempt townhouses from certain subdivision sanitation regulations.

00:02:07 Sen Vuckovich entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:12 Peggy Trenk, Montana Housing Coalition

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:02:52 Barb Kingery, Department of Environment Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:03:17 Sen. Lang  
00:03:32 Ms. Kingery, DEQ  
00:04:05 Sen. Lang  
00:04:14 Ms. Kingery  
00:04:24 Sen. Buttrey

00:04:32 Sen. Sesso entered the meeting.

00:04:41 Ms. Kingery

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:05:13 Rep. Hertz

00:05:26 Chair Webb

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 34**

00:06:07 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **SB 34 BE TABLED.**

**Discussion:**

00:06:32 Chair Webb  
00:06:44 Sen. Buttrey

00:07:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of all those present and voting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 189**

00:07:28 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **SB 189 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:08:01 Sen. Sesso

00:08:41 Sen. Hoven

00:09:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. MacDonald, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. MacDonald voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 188**

00:09:56 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **SB 188 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:10:03 Chair Webb

00:10:17 Sen. Sesso

00:11:17 Sen. Vuckovich

00:11:40 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Lang voting aye. Sen. MacDonald voted by proxy.

00:12:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 188 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of all those present and voting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 151**

00:12:34 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **SB 151 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:12:49 Sen. Buttrey

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00:14:10 Chair Webb

00:14:12 Sen. Buttrey

00:14:49 Without objection, Sen. Lang withdrew the DO PASS motion.

00:14:58 Sen. Sesso

00:16:43 Sen. Buttrey

00:17:37 Chair Webb

00:17:51 Sen. Hoven

00:18:03 Sen. Buttrey

00:18:20 Sen. Sesso

00:19:20 Sen. Fitzpatrick

00:19:41 Sen. Buttrey

00:20:21 Chair Webb

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 200**

00:20:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 200 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 8-1 by roll call vote with Sen. MacDonald voting no. Sen. MacDonald voted by proxy. (Sen. MacDonald changed her vote to no by proxy after the meeting)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 300**

00:21:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 300 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of all those present and voting. Sen. Webb will carry the bill.

00:22:30 Chair Webb

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:26 PM

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Tia Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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